

## E-Newsletter – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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### **1) Information Corner**



#### **Save the Date!!**

Who: **BERA**

What: **Coffee Morning**

Where: **Thorpe Bay Methodist Church** (corner of The Broadway and Johnstone Road).

When: **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 10.00am to midday**

Thank you to all who came to the coffee morning yesterday, it was good to see you all.

Our next coffee morning is 16<sup>th</sup> November and please join us for engaging chats and laughter, accompanied by free tea, coffee, homemade cakes and biscuits. We will be bringing stretchy keychains and other devices to keep you safe.

Bring along a friend and we look forward to welcoming you once again.

## **Halloween in Southend: Fun, thrills and chills await!**

From monster hunts to parades, there's something for the whole family this Halloween as Southend gears up for a hauntingly good time with a host of family-friendly events throughout the half term week.

Kick off your Halloween adventure with the Monster Hunt on Southend Pier from Saturday 21 to Sunday 29 October. Everyone is invited to explore the pier and find the hidden monsters to win a spooktacular prize! Price is just £2 per child, in addition to the usual pier admission prices.

'Fright at the Museum' is on at Prittlewell Priory from Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 October. This fantastic event offers two thrilling experiences. During the day, you can enjoy spooky arts and crafts, face painting, and an eerie Halloween trail, whilst the evening of Friday 27 October, the Priory will host a screening of cult classic horror comedy, Beetlejuice (1988). Please note this has a 12A certificate so will not be suitable for younger audiences.

Don't miss the highlight of Southend's Halloween celebrations - the Halloween Parade on Southend Seafront on Saturday 28 October. This year, it's bigger and better than ever! Join in with the excitement and enjoy a dazzling spectacle featuring over seventy acts, including music, dancing, entertainment, and a mesmerising fireworks finale that will light up the night sky. Best of all, it's a free event, so the whole family can join in on the fun!

If Halloween isn't your thing there are lots of other activities to get involved in over the half term.

Southend Family Centres offer free play sessions for families with children under five, on every weekday between 10am to 2pm.

Why not pop along to a free family Water Fair event, part of the Catchment to Coast project, at Belfairs Woods on Friday 27 October from 11am to 3pm; you'll find out more about the plans for Belfairs River with fun arts and crafts activities like building a leaky dam.

Or get involved in free family learning events being hosted at libraries across our city from musical instrument taster sessions, family yoga and poetry events – you can book your place at any of these free events by visiting [southendlibraries.eventbrite.com](http://southendlibraries.eventbrite.com).

And finally, don't forget to make the most of our outdoor spaces and explore our amazing award-winning parks, gardens and beaches.

For information on these events and everything else going on in Southend during Half Term, visit [www.visitsouthend.co.uk](http://www.visitsouthend.co.uk). Or visit [www.southendfamilycentres.co.uk](http://www.southendfamilycentres.co.uk) for details about the Family Centre activities.

## **2) Scam Alerts**

### **Scammers posing as police officers**

A Which? member was recently cold called by a scammer who pretended to be a police officer. The scammer claimed that the police had arrested someone who had used the member's bank card. When asked for further details, the scammer became aggressive and ended the call.

It's important to remember that the police will never ask for personal or financial information over unsolicited calls.

### **Borrowers targeted by dodgy £30-a-month 'savings' sites**

People searching for loans online are unknowingly signing up for £29.95 a month subscriptions to websites they've never heard of.

Which? have received reports of 13 different 'savings' websites appearing on bank statements (see below). These websites claim to offer daily discount codes, exclusive deals, cashback, and assistance with rebuilding bad credit.

- Brighter Savings
- Cash Saving
- Go Saving
- Monster Savings
- Onsavings
- Perfect Savings
- Savers Club
- Saving Star
- Scope Savings
- Sunny Savings
- Savingshield
- Total Saver
- Walletsaver

Please be aware and be careful what you click on when searching internet sites.

## **3) National Corner**

### **Gas prices rise to highest level since February**

UK wholesale gas prices have risen again and are now at their highest level since mid-February. Prices rose to nearly 135 pence a therm on Friday afternoon and

comes after gas costs hit a six-month high of nearly 123p a therm on Tuesday afternoon - a level not seen since early April.

### **Covid could become 'just regular winter bug'**

Covid is "well on the way" to becoming seasonal, with flu likely to cause more deaths from now on, according to an infectious-diseases expert. Prof Paul Hunter of the University of East Anglia said immunity to serious illness built up from vaccination and infection means the death rate per Covid infection is now well below that of flu and that eventually, Covid will become "just another cause of the common cold", like the other coronaviruses that circulate.

### **Households at risk of losing winter energy help, charity warns**

Fuel poverty activists are warning hundreds of thousands of struggling households in Great Britain risk missing out on government help to pay their energy bills this winter if they fail to make an application for financial support that opens on Monday.

### **Laughing gas illegal in three weeks**

Possessing laughing gas will be made illegal in three weeks, with those who repeatedly misuse the drug facing up to two years in prison. The ban will come into force on November 8, and will make nitrous oxide a controlled Class C drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

### **Early release of prisoners**

Prisoners are to be released early from a fifth of the prisons in England and Wales in an attempt to ease the overcrowding crisis. Ministry of Justice figures show nearly half of them are technically 100 per cent full with fewer than 10 spare places.

### **Record use of food parcels expected**

More than one million emergency parcels are expected to be distributed by food banks this winter due to an "unprecedented need" for help. The Trussell Trust has forecast that more than 600,000 people will rely on food banks from December this year until next February.

### **Water quality**

Stricter limits are needed on levels of 'forever chemicals' in UK drinking water which are potentially harmful to human health, the Royal Society of Chemistry has warned. In high doses these pollutants, known as PFAS, have been linked to serious health concerns including cancer and fertility issues.

## **4) Crime Report 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Ward	<b>Southchurch</b>
Crime Reference Number	42/181357/23
Offence Description	Theft of a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time	09/10/2023 00:53
Committed Date (From)	08/10/2023 19:00

Street partial postcode **POYNINGS AVENUE SS2 4**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN VICTIMS RED HONDA, CBF125 VRM CV11XRF, FROM LOCATION BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **Southchurch**  
Crime Reference Number 42/181448/23  
Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 09/10/2023 07:23  
Committed Date (From) 09/10/2023 00:01  
Street partial postcode **ARMITAGE ROAD SS1 3**  
Offence Details (MO)  
UNKNOWN PERSONS HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO SILVER PEUGEOT EXPERT VIA REAR DOORS CAUSING SLIGHT DAMAGE AND REMOVED PROPERTY FROM WITHIN.

Ward **Southchurch**  
Crime Reference Number 42/182285/23  
Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 10/10/2023 11:23  
Committed Date (From) 10/10/2023 08:30  
Street partial postcode **CHINCHILLA ROAD SS1 2**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE REMOVED THE VICTIMS WHITE KIA RIO, INDEX GV15BZN, BY LOADING ONTO A FLATBED TRUCK WITHOUT PERMISSION.

Ward **Southchurch**  
Crime Reference Number 42/182949/23  
Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 11/10/2023 12:07  
Committed Date (From) 10/10/2023 17:15  
Street partial postcode **LOCKSLEY CLOSE SS2 4**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN BY MEANS UNKNOWN HAVE REMOVED THE VICTIMS DRIVING LICENCE AND WALLET FROM THE VICTIMS RED FORD FIESTA ST AND HAVE USED THE VICTIMS BANK CARDS TO MAKE TRANSACTIONS TOTALLING 91.48GBP.

Ward **Southchurch**  
Crime Reference Number 42/182951/23  
Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere  
Reported Date and Time 11/10/2023 12:06  
Committed Date (From) 01/10/2023 13:00  
Street partial postcode **SHERWOOD WAY SS2 4**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS SAMSUNG GALAXY A54 MOBILE PHONE BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **Southchurch**  
Crime Reference Number 42/184255/23  
Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle

Reported Date and Time 11/10/2023 21:22  
Committed Date (From) 10/10/2023 17:15  
Street partial postcode **LOCKSLEY CLOSE SS2 4**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE BROKEN INTO THE VICTIMS VEHICLE AND TAKEN THE VICTIMS WORK MOBILE PHONE WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF GBP 400.00, A CHILD'S PE KIT WITH CHILDREN'S NIKE TRAINERS AND A PAIR OF FOOTBALL BOOTS.

Ward **Southchurch**  
Crime Reference Number 42/184572/23  
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a residence (Under £5,000)

Reported Date and Time 13/10/2023 19:28  
Committed Date (From) 13/10/2023 18:15  
Street partial postcode **SHERWOOD WAY SS2 4**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS KICKED THE VICTIMS DOOR LEAVING A LARGE FOOTPRINT ON HER DOOR.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/181481/23  
Offence Description Residential Burglary of Unconnected Building (Non-Dwelling)

Reported Date and Time 09/10/2023 10:33  
Committed Date (From) 08/10/2023 18:00  
Street partial postcode **ELM GROVE SS1 3**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ENTERED THE VICTIMS UNLOCKED GARAGE AND HAS STOLEN TWO PEDAL BIKES VALUE 400GBP. STOLEN - RED SLANT MOUNTAIN BIKE : STOLEN - BLACK CROSSFIRE MOUNTAIN BIKE.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/181562/23  
Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 09/10/2023 12:17  
Committed Date (From) 08/10/2023 14:00  
Street partial postcode **ST. JAMES AVENUE SS1 3**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE BROKEN INTO THE VICTIMS RED NISSAN QASHQAI BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND STOLEN HER SATNAV AND A SMALL AMOUNT OF CASH.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/182324/23  
Offence Description Interference with a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 10/10/2023 12:30  
Committed Date (From) 09/10/2023 11:40  
Street partial postcode **ST. AUGUSTINES AVENUE SS1 3**  
Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE ENTERED THE BLACK BMW 116 I M SPORT WITH A METHOD UNKNOWN AND COMPLETED A MESSY SEARCH, HOWEVER THEY HAVE NOT TAKEN ANYTHING.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/183525/23  
Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 12/10/2023 08:01  
Committed Date (From) 11/10/2023 19:00  
Street partial postcode **EASTERN ESPLANADE SS1 3**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CUT A HOLE IN THE SIDE OF VICTIMS VAN AND STOLE POWER TOOLS FROM WITHIN.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/185314/23  
Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 15/10/2023 09:16  
Committed Date (From) 14/10/2023 21:30  
Street partial postcode **SANDRINGHAM ROAD SS1 2**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE REMOVED VICTIMS BLACK BMW X5, INDEX Y693NWL, BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND WITHOUT PERMISSION.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
Crime Reference Number 42/182890/23  
Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 11/10/2023 10:43  
Committed Date (From) 10/10/2023 21:00  
Street partial postcode **ELM ROAD SS3 9**  
Offence Details (MO)  
STOLEN -BLUE FORD FIESTA, INDEX EF17YKD.

Ward  
Crime Reference Number 42/184938/23  
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)  
Reported Date and Time 14/10/2023 06:40  
Committed Date (From) 14/10/2023 06:40  
Street partial postcode **DELAWARE ROAD SS12 9**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT HAS HIT THE VICTIMS VEHICLE CAUSING THE WING MIRROR TO BREAK. DAMAGED - BLACK FORD FOCUS.

## **5) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Application Number: 23/01621/FULH  
Officer: Gabriella Fairley

**Ward: Thorpe**

Erect part first floor rear extension and alterations to side and rear elevations  
**19 Buttery's Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 23/01632/FULH  
Officer: James Benn

**Ward: Thorpe**

Raise ridge height and install dormer to rear to form habitable accommodation in the loftspace, erect first floor front extensions with gables, part single / part two storey rear extension with balcony at first floor level, convert part of garage into habitable accommodation and alterations to elevations (amended proposal)

**526 Woodgrange Drive Southend-on-sea Essex**

Application Number: 23/00954/FULH  
Officer: Gabriella Fairley

**Ward: West Shoebury**

Erect single storey front/side extension and first floor side extension, convert exiting garage into store and alter elevations (amended proposal)

**88 Maplin Way Thorpe Bay Essex**

## **6) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

APPLN. NO: 23/01357/FULH

**Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

DEMOLISH EXISTING GARAGE TO REAR AND ERECT NEW DETACHED OUTBUILDING

**32 HAMSTEL ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01253/AMDT

**Ward. Thorpe**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

APPLICATION TO VARY CONDITIONS 02 (APPROVED PLANS) REPLACE EXISTING GARAGE DOOR WITH A WINDOW AND CONVERT INTO A HABITABLE ROOM (MATERIAL AMENDMENT OF PLANNING PERMISSION 22/01420/FULH DATED 14.10.2022)

**524 WOODGRANGE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01318/FULH

**Ward. Thorpe**

Officer: Kara Elliott

RAISE RIDGE HEIGHT, EXTEND ROOF TO FRONT AND SIDE AND INSTALL DORMER TO REAR TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE LOFTSPACE, ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY REAR/SIDE EXTENSION WITH BALCONY TO FIRST FLOOR REAR, FORM CANOPY OVER FRONT PORCH AND ALTER ELEVATIONS

**33 LYNTON ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01319/FULH

**Ward. Thorpe**

Officer: Kara Elliott



ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY REAR/SIDE EXTENSION WITH BALCONY TO FIRST FLOOR REAR, FORM CANOPY OVER FRONT PORCH AND ALTER ELEVATIONS

**33 LYNTON ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01364/FULH

**Ward. Thorpe**

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

ERECT SINGLE STOREY OUTBUILDING TO REAR

**81 HUNTINGDON ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01183/FUL

**Ward. West Shoebury**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT TWO STOREY DETACHED DWELLINGHOUSE WITH BASEMENT, ASSOCIATED AMENITY SPACE, BIN AND CYCLE STORAGE (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

**LAND ADJACENT 242 DELAWARE ROAD SHOEBURYNESS**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01334/FULH

**Ward. West Shoebury**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION WITH ROOF LANTERN (PART RETROSPECTIVE)

**122 RICHMOND AVENUE SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

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